

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action, dated February 27, 2004. Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 12-13, 15, and 17-50 were presented in a Preliminary Amendment filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination, filed on December 23, 2003. By this Amendment, claims 22-50 are being canceled, without prejudice. Claims 1-3, 5-6; 8-10, 12-13, 15, and 17-21 are presently pending. Claims 1, 8, 15, and 20 are independent.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has indicated allowance of claims 1-3, 5-6, 8, 12, 13, 15, and 17-19 and rejected claims 9 and 20-50. Preliminarily, Applicant notes with appreciation the courtesies extended during the telephonic interviews of January 22, 2004 and February 19, 2004. Applicant also notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-3, 5-6, 8, 12-13, 15, and 17-19 are allowable.

Explanation of Amendments to the Specification

Applicant has amended to the specification to add a first paragraph claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 to prior, co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/429,585, filed on October 28, 1999 ("the '585 application"). The present application is a continuation-in-part of the '585 application.

Applicant has further amended the specification in anticipation of the publication of the '585 application, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety into the present application. Applicant has been notified of the imminent publication of the '585 application per the attached Notice Of Acceptance of Publication Request and will further amend the specification to include the publication number prior to payment of the issue fee.

No new matter has been added by this amendment because the specification as originally filed included an incorporation by reference of the entire disclosure of the '585 application. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the subject amendments to the specification.

Objections and Rejections recited in the Outstanding Office Action

In allowing claims 1-3,5-6,8, 12-13, 15, and 17-19, the Examiner pointed out certain non-substantive informalities in the claims. Applicant has taken the Examiner's suggestions and addressed the objections to claims 3, 5, 8, 15, and 20 in the present amendments. Accordingly, said claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

With respect to claims 9 and 20-21, which were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as lacking antecedent basis for certain claim terms, Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the rejections. Specifically, claim 9, is amended to include the term "downloadable toolbar application" which conforms claim 9 to the terms used in allowable claim 8 from which claim 9 depends. Regarding claims 20 and 21, the Examiner asserted that the term "the client-server system" lacked antecedent basis. Applicant has amended independent claim 20 by inserting "client-server system" in place of the deleted text "toolbar application", which remedies the antecedent basis issue. By placing the term "client-server system" in claim 20, Applicant has also overcome the rejection to claim 21, which depends from claim 20. Having overcome the only rejections to claims 9 and 20-21, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 9 and 20-21 are in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicant has canceled claims 22-50, without prejudice, to prosecute said claims in a continuation application. Thus, Applicant submits that the claims currently pending are in condition for immediate allowance.

Accordingly, in view of the Examiner's indication of allowance of claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 12-13, 15, and 17-19, Applicant's amendments to claims 20 and 21, and cancellations without prejudice, of rejected claims 22-50, which obviate the § 112 rejection, early and favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner is not in a position to allow all pending claims, as presently amended, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned attorney at 212-806-5400.

Any fees or charges required at this time or in the future in connection with the present application are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Respectfully submitted,

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